

Tone Vocabulary List

Positive Tone/Attitude Words

Amiable	Elevated	Optimistic
Amused	Encouraging	Passionate
Appreciative	Energetic	Peaceful
Benevolent	Enthusiastic	Playful
Brave	Excited	Pleasant
Calm	Exuberant	Proud
Cheerful	Fanciful	Relaxed
Cheery	Friendly	Reverent
Compassionate	Happy	Romantic
Complimentary	Hopeful	Soothing
Confident	Impassioned	Surprised
Consoling	Jovial	Sweet
Content	Joyful	Sympathetic
Dreamy	Jubilant	Vibrant
Ecstatic	Lighthearted	Whimsical
Elated	Loving	

Negative Tone/Attitude Words

Accusing	Condescending	Irritated
Aggravated	Contradictory	Manipulative
Agitated	Critical	Obnoxious
Angry	Desperate	Outraged
Apathetic	Disappointed	Passive
Arrogant	Disgruntled	Quarrelsome
Artificial	Disgusted	Shameful
Audacious	Disinterested	Smooth
Belligerent	Facetious	Snooty
Bitter	Furious	Superficial
Boring	Harsh	Surly
Brash	Haughty	Testy
Childish	Hateful	Threatening
Choleric	Hurtful	Tired
Coarse	Indignant	Uninterested
Cold	Inflammatory	Wrathful
Condemnatory	Insulting	

Humor-Irony-Sarcasm Tone/Attitude Words

Amused	Cynical	Ironic
Bantering	Disdainful	Irreverent
Bitter	Droll	Joking
Caustic	Facetious	Malicious
Comical	Flippant	Mock-heroic
Condescending	Giddy	Mocking
Contemptuous	Humorous	Mock-serious
Critical	Insolent	Patronizing

Pompous
Quizzical
Ribald
Ridiculing
Sad

Sarcastic
Sardonic
Satiric
Scornful
Sharp

Silly
Taunting
Teasing
Whimsical
Wry

Sorrow-Fear-Worry Tone/Attitude Words

Aggravated
Agitated
Anxious
Apologetic
Apprehensive
Concerned
Confused
Dejected
Depressed
Despairing
Disturbed
Embarrassed
Fearful
Foreboding

Gloomy
Grave
Hollow
Hopeless
Horrific
Horror
Melancholy
Miserable
Morose
Mournful
Nervous
Numb
Ominous
Paranoid

Pessimistic
Pitiful
Poignant
Regretful
Remorseful
Resigned
Sad
Serious
Sober
Solemn
Somber
Staid
Upset

Neutral Tone/Attitude Words

Admonitory
Allusive
Apathetic
Authoritative
Baffled
Callous
Candid
Ceremonial
Clinical
Consoling
Contemplative
Conventional
Detached
Didactic
Disbelieving
Dramatic
Earnest
Expectant
Factual
Fervent
Formal

Forthright
Frivolous
Haughty
Histrionic
Humble
Incredulous
Informative
Inquisitive
Instructive
Intimate
Judgmental
Learned
Loud
Lyrical
Matter-of-fact
Meditative
Nostalgic
Objective
Obsequious
Patriotic
Persuasive

Pleading
Pretentious
Provocative
Questioning
Reflective
Reminiscent
Resigned
Restrained
Restrained
Seductive
Sentimental
Serious
Shocking
Sincere
Unemotional
Urgent
Vexed
Wistful
Zealous